



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5352**

LCO No. 3163

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF MOTOR VEHICLE  
OPERATOR'S LICENSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-111 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (b) (1) Whenever the holder of any motor vehicle operator's license  
5 has been convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a  
6 suspended judgment or sentence for any of the following violations,  
7 the commissioner shall, without hearing, suspend [his] such person's  
8 operator's license as follows: For a first violation of subsection (a) of  
9 section 14-224 or section 14-110 [, 14-215] or 53a-119b, for a period of  
10 not less than one year and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a  
11 period of not less than five years; for a first violation of section 14-215,  
12 for a period of not less than one year and, for a subsequent violation  
13 thereof, for a period of not less than five years, except that the  
14 commissioner shall not suspend such person's operator's license if the  
15 basis for such violation was that such person operated a motor vehicle  
16 during the period such person's operator's license or right to operate a

17 motor vehicle in this state was under suspension on account of such  
 18 person failing to appear for a scheduled court appearance and the  
 19 commissioner had suspended such license for such failure after  
 20 receiving a report of such failure pursuant to subsection (b) of section  
 21 14-140; for a violation of subsection (a) of section 14-222, for a period of  
 22 not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days and, for a  
 23 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than ninety days;  
 24 for a violation of subsection (b) of section 14-224, for a period of not  
 25 less than ninety days; for a first violation of subsection (b) of section  
 26 14-147, for a period of not less than ninety days and, for a subsequent  
 27 violation thereof, for a period of not less than five years; for a first  
 28 violation of subsection (c) of section 14-147, for a period of not less  
 29 than thirty days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of  
 30 not less than one year.

31 (2) The commissioner may suspend the motor vehicle operator's  
 32 license of any person (A) who was arrested for a felony, and (B) for  
 33 whom there is an outstanding warrant for rearrest for failing to appear  
 34 when legally called with regard to such felony. The suspension shall  
 35 terminate no later than the date on which such person appears before  
 36 the court with regard to such felony or such failure to appear.

37 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The court shall not accept a  
 38 plea of guilty or nolo contendere from a person in a proceeding with  
 39 respect to a violation of section 14-110, subsection (b) or (c) of section  
 40 14-147, section 14-215, subsection (a) of section 14-222, subsection (a) or  
 41 (b) of section 14-224 or section 53a-119b of the general statutes unless  
 42 the court advises such person that conviction of the offense for which  
 43 such person has been charged may have the consequence of the  
 44 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles suspending such person's motor  
 45 vehicle operator's license.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

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